

# Grace's Mountain View

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## PORK/MEATBALL SUPPER

April 19, 2024

5:00-7:00 P.M.

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Quilters.....Thursdays.....9:30 A.M.  
Confirmation.....Wednesdays...6:30 P.M.  
Church Council.....2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday....10:20 A.M.

***Come, enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Grace Lutheran Church!!***

The meal will be served inside the Fellowship Hall or if you wish you can drive-thru and pick up your meal to go.

The meal will consist of your choice of pork loin roast or meatballs. Potatoes and gravy, carrots, dessert, and drink will be served with your choice of meat.

Cost of the meal is only \$10.00!





March 2024

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."*  
*{Isaiah 52:7 (NRSV)}*

This was the text for the sermon on my ordination day. The preacher spoke of the role of a clergy person to bring the good news to people. I have remembered that text for all these years. How unlikely it was to talk of someone's beautiful feet? Even then, I never thought of my feet as being beautiful. In fact, I always thought it best to keep mine covered. Still, one's feet, as unlikely and unheralded and often dirty as they are, are made beautiful when they carry the good news which brings life and hope to others! This one sentence tucked away in scripture announces to us so clearly each of us is important in God's plan. For each of us has been equipped to carry the good news to the world – no matter who we are.

Years ago, a mother of a young boy was talking with me. She told me one of the aides at school had been supervising the playground when she overheard the young boy say to his friends, "we should let Billy play because I heard in church that we are supposed to be friends to everyone." I was very pleasantly pleased not just that the message was being heard, but also lived! Imagine, a child whom we often overlook as being a messenger of the Gospel was very effectively sharing the good news and influencing the world! God can and does use any and all of his children!

I was recently at a prayer service for a lady who had died. For several years, she had lived in a nursing home. Every evening, she would read her Bible. One evening, her roommate who was nearly blind asked her what she was doing. The lady mentioned she was reading her Bible. The roommate asked if she would read out loud so she could hear, too. A couple of days after the lady died, the chaplain visited the roommate. As they visited, the roommate asked, "who will read the Bible to me?" How beautiful are the feet – those feet confined to a wheelchair, feet which no longer bore weight – how beautiful are *those* feet which brought good news! And once again, a person often overlooked by society is sharing the Gospel in a very important way!

Those are two examples. We, in the "prime of our lives" (and we can define that as we wish), have so many opportunities. Every day we're presented with occasions to share God's love in a special way. Do **we** share the Gospel as willingly as the people I just mentioned?

We've come through the celebration of Jesus' resurrection! The Good News has been made known to us. And now, it's left to us to share this good news. We serve a God who is able to use each of us. It doesn't matter whether we are male or female, young or old, rich or poor, Lutheran or Catholic or Presbyterian. God has called us to be his messengers.

Go out with the Gospel! Go out into every corner of your life with the Gospel! May God bless you and your beautiful feet as you share the Gospel!  
*Pastor Mike Schendel*

Together during this Lenten Season, we shared meals and worship, we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, the celebration of life for Irene Sloan, and the initiation of new members.

Spring is a time of celebration and new life. A positive aura of things to come sets the tone of the new season. We have so much to be thankful for as congregational members of Grace Lutheran Church.

As we celebrate, least we not forget it takes a village to operate. Please consider volunteering time, talent and treasure.

Our church belongs to all and our mission of Grace by Grace, seeking to be God's faithful people is very evident in our Grace Cafe and Food Pantry. I truly believe that feeding the hunger and emotional challenged in our community is God's plan for us.

May Grace Abound.

*Church Council  
president*

*Jim Brogren Jr.*



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- \* Sunday School is held every Sunday beginning at 10:00 A.M. We hope all children will keep coming. The last day of Sunday School is May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- \* The Sunday School children will be singing on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, which is Mother's Day.
- \* Bible Camp at Camp Emmaus brochures are available from Traci Mace or on the narthex tables. The church pays a portion of the registration fee. May 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register for Camp.

## CONFIRMATION

- \* April 24<sup>th</sup> is the tentative end of Confirmation classes.
- \* High School graduates from Grace Lutheran will be honored at church services on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. A reception will be held following the worship service.



Grace continues to operate support, donate... whether our pews are full or not!



Thanks to the many volunteers who work with the Grace Café on Wednesdays.

Thanks to our volunteer maintenance crew: Jerry and Cathy Schwoboda, Gerry & Lillian Nybo, and Blace Schmidt.

Thanks to Trace Mace who teaches Sunday School every Sunday. Thanks also for the helpers she has on Sundays.

Thanks to the serving groups who provided Lenten Suppers during the Lenten Season.

Thanks to Pastor Mike for leading us in worship each Wednesday during the Lenten Season.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all our congregation members who are faithfully giving their offerings to Grace. Grace Lutheran depends on the offerings to meet all of our expenses and to provide fellowship events for our members.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS



**April 1**

Pastor Mike Schendel

**April 5**

Naomi Dahl

**April 6**

Loghen Olson

**April 11**

Gerry Nybo

**April 12**

Ethan Carrier

**April 13**

Megan Schwoboda  
Alan Honer

**April 24**

Glennis Olson

**April 25**

Andrew Honer

**April 30**

Tara Ladwig  
Elaine Jenson  
Jordan Lane

# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



**None this month**

**God Bless You  
On your  
Anniversary**

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, PLEASE let us know so that we can add your birthdays and/or anniversaries into our computer. Thank you.

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY:**  
*Don't forget our members in Nursing Homes and Care Facilities.*  
Oak Crossing #110 1040 Lincoln Ave.      Oak Crossing #115 1040 Lincoln Ave  
**Audrey Ronning**      **Clarice Anderson**

# IT'S A GRACE THING!

(UNAPPROVED) COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 17, 2023)

- † Meeting was called to order by President Jim Brogren Jr.
- † Devotions given by Gerry Nybo.
- † Correspondence was read and it was decided to support our Grace Café & Food Pantry.
- † Secretary report approved with correction that Lenten supper offerings are going to the air conditioning fund.
- † **Finance report** approved as printed.

February Total Income	\$8,016.34
February Total Expenses	\$9,992.67
Checkbook Balance 2/29/2024	\$2,604.72
Rainy Day Fund	\$0,926.34
Savings Balance	\$12,840.08
Mortgage Balance	105,059.85

† **PROPERTY**—Geo-Thermal fluid was picked up by Gerry & Blace. 10 new chairs were bought for the library. Insurance company representative and Blace walked through the building for evaluation of building. It was suggested that all doors be kept shut in the older part of the building since there are no sprinkler systems there. Need for security cameras at entrances. Tom will check on cost of shredding old records. R U Ready Lawn Care will do the weed spraying around the rock areas of church.

† **EDUCATION/YOUTH**---Mardi Gras celebration Pancake Breakfast fed 50 people. Games were held following the breakfast. Confirmation requirements were discussed. All requirement must be met before student can be confirmed.

† **STEWARDSHIP/BENEVOLENCE**---Lenten supper offering going to Sanctuary Air Conditioning. \$459 was raised through the Hotdish Challenge. It was donated to the Grace Café.

† **WORSHIP**---On Palm Sunday a light breakfast was served. Easter Sunday rolls will be served by the council.

† **TOLD BUSINESS**—Rental policy was presented and reviewed. It was accepted by the Council. Kraig Erickson will be showing how to use the scrubber for the fellowship hall floors. It was clarified that Lillian Nybo is the funeral coordinator and the wedding coordinator is Glennis Olson.

† **NEW BUSINESS**—Meatball/Pork Dinner will be held on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a drive-thru or eat in. The cost is \$10 per plate. There will be a choice of either meatballs or pork loin. Rest of meal will be gravy, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dessert, and carrots. Council and other families will be asked to help with the event. Pastor Mike has asked for another day per week (Tuesday) to perform his duties. He will be paid \$100 plus he will stay in a motel for the night.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next Council meeting is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Tom will have devotions.

*Gale LaFerriere*, Council Secretary

## CHURCH MEETINGS

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Tom Lormis has devotions.

### CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE

The Christian Ed meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> following Sunday School.

## PLEASE NOTE

**GRACE CAFÉ DONATIONS**---Grace Café and Grace Lutheran Church have different accounts. Therefore, contributions to Grace Café will NOT appear on Grace Lutheran Church's contribution summary you receive at the end of the year. Lillian Nybo will give you a donation receipt for any contribution made to Grace café, whether it be cash or in kind. The receipt is your responsibility as Grace Café will NOT issue a year end summary.

**EQUIPMENT CAN NO LONGER BE TAKEN**

**OUT OF BUILDING**---The council decided at its last meeting that chairs, tables, kitchen supplies such as coffee pots or roasters can NO LONGER leave the building. Due to misuse by some we have damaged tables and chairs. We are also missing some kitchen equipment because the items are not brought back. This takes effect immediately.

**ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WILL**

**BE CHARGED A FEE** for the use of the Fellowship Hall. A new policy will be forthcoming. There will also be required a \$150 deposit which is refundable if everything is alright after inspection.

*If you have any questions or concerns about these new policies, please contact President Jim Brogren Jr. or any council member.*



# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

DATE	PSALM	LESSONS	GOSPEL
April 7, 2024	Psalm 133	Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
April 14, 2024	Psalm 4	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
April 21, 2024	Psalm 23	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
April 28, 2024	Psalm 22:25-31	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8

## APRIL, GREETERS, GREETERS---9:30 A.M.

DATE	GREETERS	USHERS	LECTOR
April 7, 2024	Dan Alley	Dan & Machel Krengel	Dan Krengel
April 14, 2024	Dan Alley	Sheila Longfors Sonia Anderson	Lois Flatau
April 21, 2024	Val Gerdes	Tom & Kathy Lormis	Tom Lormis
April 28, 2024	Marlys Brasel		Becky Esser

## APRIL EVENTS

**April 7 & April 21**---9:30 A.M. Worship service with Holy Communion

10:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

11:30 A.M. *Christian Education Meeting (April 7<sup>th</sup>)*

**April 14 & 28**---9:30 Worship service with Noisy Offering

10:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

10:20 A.M. *Church Council meeting (April 14<sup>th</sup>)*

**April 18**---9:00 A.M. Conference 6 Women's Spring Gathering at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples, MN

**April 19**---Pork Tenderloin/Meatballs Dinner Drive-thru or eat in \$10.00 per plate

Choice of meat, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, coleslaw, dessert, drink

**April 27**---9:30 A.M-noon 4-H Cooking Class

**Grace Lutheran Church**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in**

**America**



213 Roosevelt Avenue

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Church Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School Sept - May 10:00 A.M.

Adult Ed. Opportunities Year-round

Office Hours 9:00 till Noon M – F

*“Come and join us in growing into God’s amazing Grace.”*

**EXPERIENCE GRACE AT GRACE**

*Grace Lutheran Church...a place to belong*

Grace's MOUNTAIN VIEW

APRIL 2024

Vision Statement---Grace Lutheran Church seeks to be a serving and witnessing people of God, united to share the Gospel with all. Through the Holy Spirit, we respond by reaching out with concern and support to the varied needs of a diverse people.

**Address Service Requested**

## **RUMMAGE SALE COMING UP MAY 3 & 4**

While you are doing spring cleaning, put aside those items you no longer want or need and bring them to Grace Lutheran as The Spring rummage Sale will be held May 3 & 4. Help the church and yourself by donating those items to the Grace Rummage Sale. There will also be a next to new section. *Come for breakfast as sweet rolls will be available for purchase!*

